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It has been found advisable to change the day of publication from Wednesday to Friday, and next week's issue will bear date of February 22d. THE COMMONER'S circulation now reaches into every state and territory, and in some states into most of the counties, but it is expected that every subscriber will receive his paper by Saturday at latest.

The inventor of liquid air has not yet asked for a protective tariff on the raw material.

It is to be regretted that the shipping subsidy bill did not see its shadow.

In the hand of editors entirely busy the pen is less convenient than the scissors.

Secretary Long should be content with having Sampson receive the bulk of the prize money.

The ammunition makers seem to be the residuary legatees of the modern methods of civilization.

Justice is the last thing Neeley and Rathbone should ask for, but it should be the first thing they get.

It is barely possible that the groundhog did not come out of his hole, fearing Pat Crowe or a tax on holes.

The Nebraska senatorial deadlock might be broken by transplanting Mr. Quay's plum tree to Nebraska soil for a few weeks.

Mr. Hanna objects to having it called "the subsidy bill." Doubtless he would also enter objection to the title of "steal."

THE COMMONER is grateful for the kindly welcome extended by friendly newspapers and accepts the hostile criticism in the spirit in which it is given.

After reading Senator Towne's speech one can easily understand why the administration supporters were in such a hurry to have his successor sworn in.

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Crazy Snake should advance the plea that he merely intended to benevolently assimilate a few white men in his immediate locality.

It will be noted that the army officer who secures a Washington detail is the one who most loudly asserts the need of an increased standing army.

The "divine right of kings" gets a severe slap when it is known that the London police had to work over time during the obsequies of the late queen.

Congress seems to think that the farmer who receives a package of government seeds has no right to object to the giving of a subsidy to a few ship-owners.

A large number of congressmen who excuse their conduct on the ground that they are filled with missionary zeal are filled only with missionary zeal.

The Boers seem determined to force somebody into accepting sympathy, and recent dispatches from South Africa indicate that Great Britain is "It."

Most of the people who pay \$4 for a Bernhardt ticket pay 50 cents of it to see Sarah and the other \$3.50 to make the people believe they understand French.

Possibly the failure of Mr. Carnegie and Mr. Rockefeller to agree upon terms is due to a laudable desire on the part of each to keep the other from dying disgraced.

Several cities report that they are infected with "Jack-the-Hugger" or "Jack-the-Pincher." Washington, D. C., is afflicted with quite a bunch of "Senators-the-Grabbers."

"The expectations of the administration have not been realized," says General MacArthur. Thus an even balance is maintained between the administration and the public.

If we have peace in the Philippine islands why is it necessary to continue the press censorship? And if press censorship is still necessary, why not admit that war is in progress?

A number of administration organs are poking fun at the idea of a Jefferson-Jackson-Lincoln banquet, but they remain very quiet on the Uncle Sam-John-Bull-Imperialism saturnalia.

It appears that the more peaceful the Filipinos become the more reinforcements MacArthur must have. The Filipino commission seems to need the services of a first-class oculist.

Mark Twain has written a strong article against imperialism and the republicans can't see anything funny about it. In fact, they think that he has outlived his usefulness and has lost his sense of humor.

Master Allan Lee Swisher, a twelve-year-old boy of Gypsum, Kans., is the editor and publisher of a little paper called the Chronicle. The work, both lettering and illustrating, is done

with a pen. Whether or not young Swisher becomes permanently identified with the newspaper fraternity, he certainly has found useful employment for his spare time.

When it is officially decided just when a pig becomes a hog we may expect to have it officially decided when an infant industry ceases to be an infant industry and becomes full-grown.

The protected tariff barons object to an income tax that forces them to pay out, but they are unanimous in demanding an income tax that enables them to add to their bank accounts.

The St. Louis Globe-Democrat is quoting General Otis as an authority on the Philippines. Yet Otis never traveled far into the interior while in command of the Philippine forces.

Some predict that Texas will rival Pennsylvania as a producer of oil; it is to be hoped, however, that she will not rival Pennsylvania in her political methods. We can use more oil, but we do not need any more Pennsylvania politics.

The initial number of THE COMMONER inadvertently credited Francis Drake with the authorship of Joseph Rodman Drake's poem, "The American Flag." As a very large number of administration organs have called attention to the error THE COMMONER is inclined to the belief that it is widely read in republican sanctums.

It is announced that the brass goods trust is about to be dissolved because a leading member of the association is going to withdraw. The reason given for withdrawal is its inability to obtain orders at the schedule prices. The public may get some relief before another trust can be formed, but why leave the public to periodical extortion?

A test has at last been discovered for determining when a paper is under corporate influence. If the editor becomes violently agitated when any reference is made to the common people the chances are sixteen to one that his paper is a defender of every scheme whereby the organized few seek to obtain an advantage over the masses of the people.

It is objected to Mr. Kerns, Utah's new republican senator, that he lacks education and a knowledge of history. It is no reflection on those who have had the benefits of a collegiate education to say that men who gather wisdom from contact with the world rather than from books have often made good legislators, but it is especially absurd to find fault with a republican official because he is not acquainted with history. If the party is going to pursue the course mapped out by Mr. Hanna, the less knowledge a republican senator has of history the easier his conscience will be.

Judge has a cartoon illustrating reorganization as viewed by the republicans. It represents the democratic party as a prodigal son while Mr. Cleveland appears as the patriarchal father advancing to meet and welcome the penitent